JELLYHEADS

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NEWSLETTER
FEB '93

33 WELLINGTON STREET CHIPPENDALE 3192798

Welcome to the new year from the Jellycrew!MORE things are starting to happen around here(yes you have heard it before!) For starters, the Unemployed Workers Union is moving in with us; they have meetings on the second and last monday of the month, plus they will also have their office open during the week. Contact them for details.They are a great help if you are having hassles with the DSS or CES.
NEWS about the space....
if you didn't know it we have our office open from wed-fri 12pm-6pm. If you have time you could pop in and give a hand because ther's always something that needs to be done or a new skill that you could learn.
IF YOU ARE IN NEEED OF A FUN FIX(or for any other reason) call the 24 hour jelly hotline for details of upcoming events, it generally has up to a weeks events listed.319-2798!!!!
attention junk collectors... we have a 3rd hand photocopier to give away for free, but be warned it is a small office photo-copier designed for small printruns, and not a printing press (it also needs a service)

From Feb 5th, WOBBLE will be going down every fortnight. It's a techno cubnight, with regular DJ's,it will have an eperimental section between about 10 and 12 with live Edgecore/Expeimental stuff(open to all weirdos and acid casualties)
Monthly Mayhem happens about once every four weeks with the next one onsat feb 6th.If you are in a band and want to play call the space and let us put you onto the organiser.
lastly (for this rave) remember our wonderful offer of dis/membership.... one year for 10 bux with the newsletter mailed to you and the prestige of belonging to sydneys least exclusive thingy.

Cheap Rehearsal Space

Jellyhedz have decided to open up its space during the day as rehearsal space for bands,performers,etc; we will make available the P.A.,the cafe and the friendly atmosphere at a price no rehersal studio could match.
the days available are mon-sun
the hours would be 1pm till 6pm
and the cost would be a mere $30
SO.... anyone out there sick of complaining neighbors, pissed off with the racket coming from the back shed, garage or spare bedroom give us a call on 319-2798.

*the jellyhedz warehouse has been open now for 6 months- yey in this time we've had heaps of different events; videos, gigs, performances, plays, fundraisers etc.
*as a collective we run a venue as an alternative to pubs and clubs where we try to create an environment where people can feel comfortable regardless of their appearance, sex, race, age or sexual preference
*we want to encourage people to participate and take responsibility for a community space and their own entertainment.
* jellyhedz is not funded by the govt or anyone else and depends on the support of people in the community
* maybe you have been to the warehouse and would like to see it keep happening or maybe you are interested to get involved
*meetings are on tuesdays at 6pm and everyone is welcome at 33 Wellington St Chippendale, ph 3192798
*We have a medium size warehouse with a PA and cafe which is available for hire
*to support us financially you can be an official jellyhedz supporter for $10/$20 per year and get sent monthly news
* what we really need right now is people with spare time and energy to help with running the place things like cooking, running the cafe, mixing sound, advertising, making the newsletter and stuff so come along and get some new skills and meet some excellent people.

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THE EXPERIENCE OF PEACE

completley relax your body
and quieten your mind

then imagine that a transparent
luminous sphere descends towards you
and ends up lodging in your heart.
You will recognise the moment when the sphere
ceases to Appear as an image and transforms
itself into a sensation inside your chest

observe how the sensation of the sphere
slowly expands from your heart
towards the outside of your body while
your breathing becomes more ample and deep.
When the sensation reaches the limits of
your body
you can stop the whole operation there
and register the experience
of internal peace
you can remain in it for the time you
consider adequate then
contract the previous expansion
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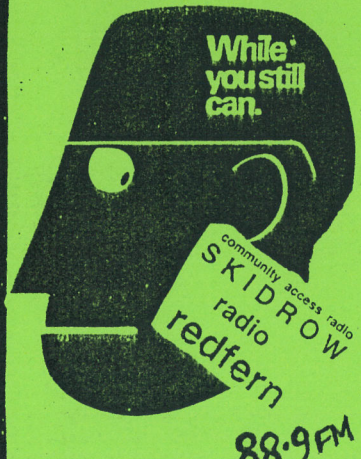

ALFALFA HOUSE

a community shop for community people

-FOOD
-BOOKS
-SEEDS

get involved.

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The head of the DSS , Dr.Jeremy Bligh falls short of his major responsibility , a new one had just recently been activated and the computer system falls short , also with a major lack of back-up. Payments are withdrawn for a week , phone lines are jammed and the Haymarket DSS is under blockade. Charitable organisations deliver food parcels , all is not lost.....

Further downtown at the largest lab (in the southern hemisphere) a new responsibility has been advocated.The children of Australia shall receive a special gift this Easter.

'Spilt It , My Hey-Hey' , Jane Wendt's foray into Saturday Morning Children's Television , has signed a deal with The Grace Bros. Foundation for the exclusive promotional , programmable rights to "Magic Bunny System 2600".This unique technological triumph , a 7 foot rabbit , lays chocolate eggs , caramel centred.

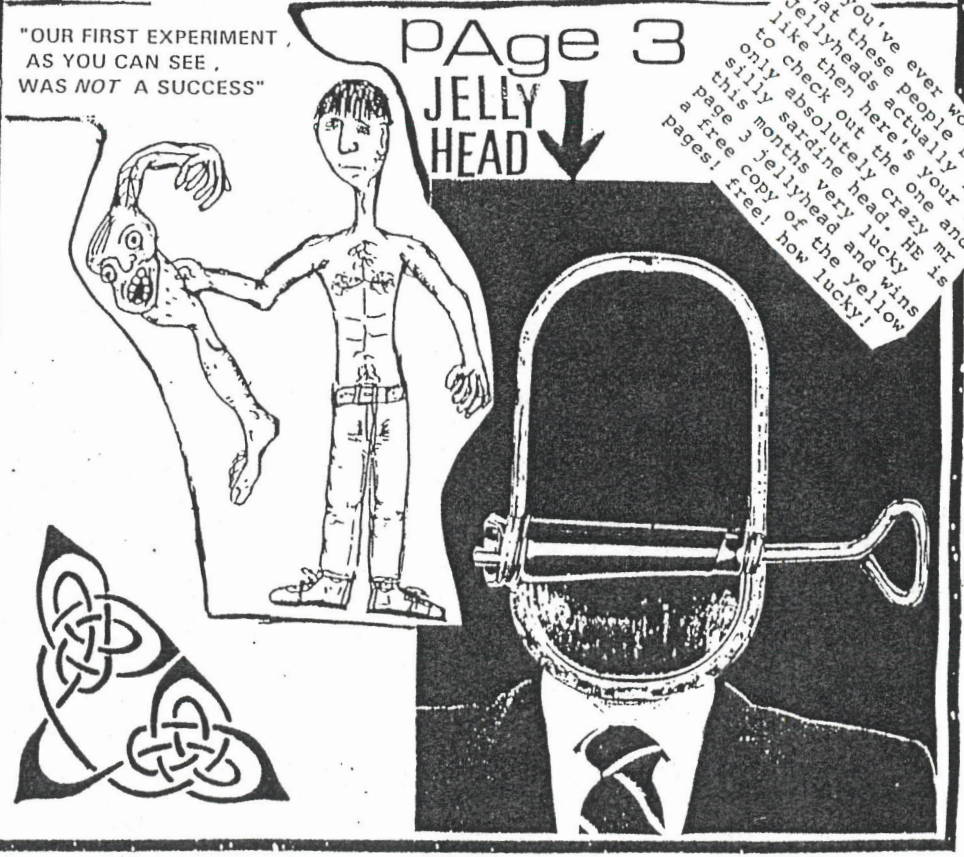
Recording begins. Jana struggles hard to contain herself. On the sidelines, her new born lays content.

Things get off to a shaky start , the technicians are finding it hard to generate and consolidate the crossover.The producer drools a delay signal into the studio. Scrambled motion overtakes the crew and , the audience , mothers and children all , grow restless.

Daryl Summers , in his new role as 'Senorita Margerita' attempts, in vain , to pacify and entertain them. The cocktail in drag has little success. Ozzy turns in his grave at this complete lack of professionalism.

To Be Expanded and Continued.....?

"OUR FIRST EXPERIMENT , AS YOU CAN SEE , WAS *NOT* A SUCCESS"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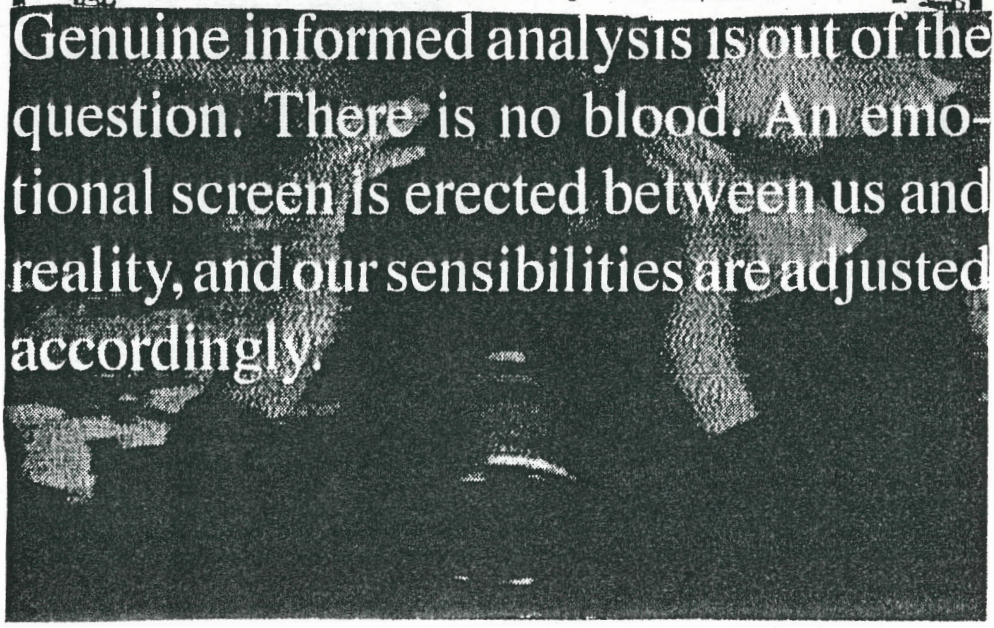
JELLY HEAD
If you've ever wonder what these people behin Jellyheads actually look like then here's your chanc to check out the one and only absolutely crazy mr silly sardine head. HE is this months very lucky page 3 jellyhead and wins a free copy of the yellow pages! free! how lucky!

NEWSPEAK

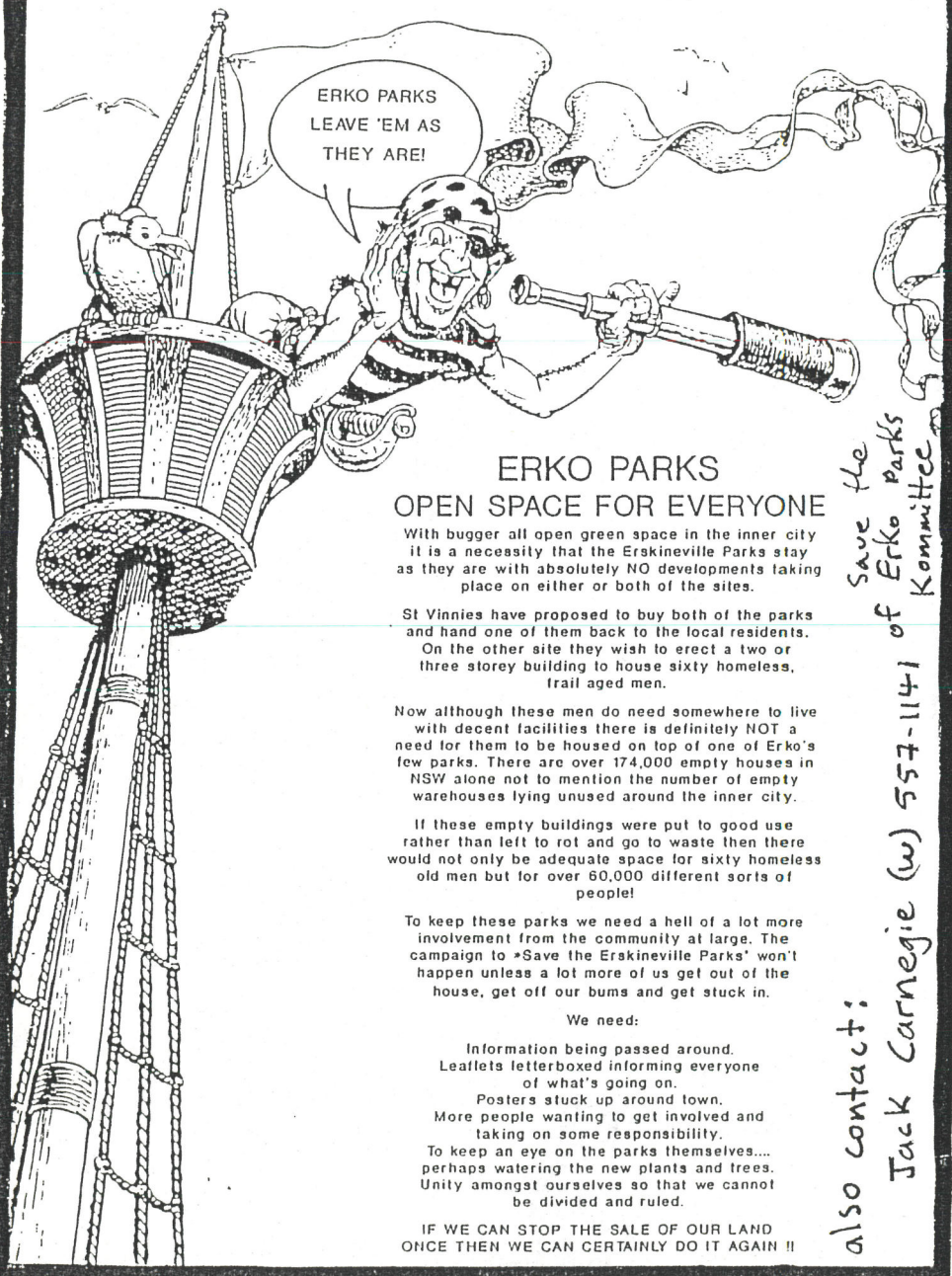
SAMPLES FROM THE

OFFICIAL POLITICALLY CORRECT DICTIONARY".

Chronologically Gifted Person	Old People
Involuntarily Undomesticated	Homeless People
Poorly Buffered Precipitation	Acid Rain
Consensual Non-monogamy	Adultery
The Sobriety Deprived	Alcoholics
Nutritional Shortfall	Hunger
Non-traditional Shoppers	Looters
Deep Ocean Storage	Toxic Waste Dumping
Individuals With Provisionally Unmet Educational Objectives	High School Dropouts


Genuine informed analysis is out of the question. There is no blood. An emotional screen is erected between us and reality, and our sensibilities are adjusted accordingly.

OPEN SPACE FOR EVERYONE



ERKO PARKS
OPEN SPACE FOR EVERYONE

With bugger all open green space in the inner city it is a necessity that the Erskineville Parks stay as they are with absolutely NO developments taking place on either or both of the sites.

St Vinnies have proposed to buy both of the parks and hand one of them back to the local residents. On the other site they wish to erect a two or three storey building to house sixty homeless, frail aged men.

Now although these men do need somewhere to live with decent facilities there is definitely NOT a need for them to be housed on top of one of Erko's few parks. There are over 174,000 empty houses in NSW alone not to mention the number of empty warehouses lying unused around the inner city.

If these empty buildings were put to good use rather than left to rot and go to waste then there would not only be adequate space for sixty homeless old men but for over 60,000 different sorts of people!

To keep these parks we need a hell of a lot more involvement from the community at large. The campaign to »Save the Erskineville Parks" won't happen unless a lot more of us get out of the house, get off our bums and get stuck in.

We need:

Information being passed around.
Leaflets letterboxed informing everyone of what's going on.
Posters stuck up around town.
More people wanting to get involved and taking on some responsibility.
To keep an eye on the parks themselves.... perhaps watering the new plants and trees.
Unity amongst ourselves so that we cannot be divided and ruled.

IF WE CAN STOP THE SALE OF OUR LAND ONCE THEN WE CAN CERTAINLY DO IT AGAIN !!

Save the Erko Parks Committee

also contact:
Jack Carnegie (w) 557-1141

ANGRY PEOPLE: BOX 183 WATERLOO NSW 2017

APATHY IS A BIG PROBLEM

BUT WHO CARES?

REMEDIES FOR APATHY - our generation's most common disease:

1. join a political party
2. or a religious cult
3. get involved in some new things happening at the JELLYHEADS wherehaus...like

WOMEN'S GROUP

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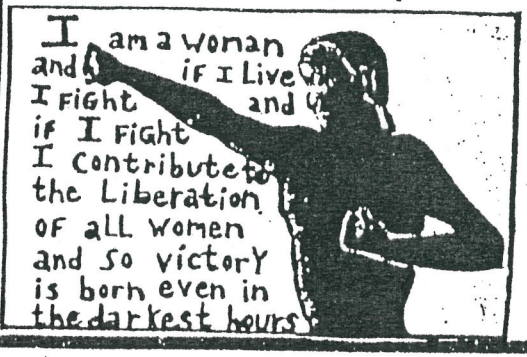
If you've been dying to do something active, creative and antipatriarchal, then here is your chance. A group of women will meet to discuss possibilities and check out enthusiasm to start up an active wimmin's group, at jellyheads on

Tuesday 2nd Feb. 8:30pm

Some ideas include- using the jellyspace for a base to network with other wimmin's groups; do direct actions; promote women performers; meet other women etc etc. So if you're into it and want to see it happen then come along or ring 3192798 for more info because you can bet your buttons that it won't happen by itself!



EAT THE RICH CAFE

The 'non exploitative' vegan cafe has been a very attractive part of the downstairs decor at Jellyheads. It has pumped out many splendid meals, drinx and other things at cheap prices that Tony Barber couldn't hope to poke a stick at.

The cafe has always been open at gigs and events (so check it out!) but it would be ultra cool if it took a quantum leap from being a part time to a fulltime cafe. As usual this involves people power so if you're hanging out to be part of a really alternative cafe then pick up the phone, call Suzanne on 5573372 and say "YEAH I'm into it!"

You don't have to be a jellyheads convert or worshipper to get involved in these things, nor do you have to be unemployed or good looking. All you need is a twinkle in your eye and a sparkle in your smile and you're set!

BRITISH AEROSPACE PLOUGHSHARES

c/o NVRN, 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ

SWORDS INTO PLOUGHSHARES: THE CONVERSION HAS BEGUN

At 4.00am on the 6th January 1993, Chris Cole, a christian peace activist from Oxford, entered a British Aerospace (BAe) weapons factory in Stevenage, Herts, and used household hammers to disarm nosecones for the European Fighter Aircraft, for Hawk strike attack aircraft, and other military equipment - BAe has agreed to sell 24 Hawk aircraft to Indonesia, for use against the people of East Timor. One of the hammers Chris used was previously used in the ANZUS Ploughshares action in the US.

Chris was arrested after an hour, after he had visited four buildings. The damage, according to the Crown Prosecution, is valued at as least £475,000. The total could well be twice this figure. A recent Ploughshares action against a NAVSTAR satellites (used for Trident missile guidance) set back the programme several months at least. The damage Chris has done to the nosecones in the four buildings and to the nosecone (radome) manufacturing equipment, may well have set back the European Fighter Aircraft programme and the Hawk production process. This delay could well save many East Timorese lives, and strengthen the case for cancellation of the deal.

Chris poured his own blood onto equipment in the Reinforced and Microwave Plastics building, where all BAe missile and aircraft nosecones are made. He had with him two banners saying "Heal the world - hammer BAe swords into ploughshares," and "Prepare the way of the Lord - Swords into Ploughshares". He was also carrying pictures of children, and ashes - a christian symbol of repentance. After his arrest, his Oxford home was raided by the police, who took away many of his belongings.

Chris was wearing a white coat with "BAe Bomb Disposal" written on the back, and had a BAe-style identity card on it saying, "Chris Cole, Disarmer". When stopped by the guards at 4.30am, he was asked what he was doing. He replied, "I've come to disarm British Aerospace."

Chris left a statement at the site which linked his actions to the christian feast of the Epiphany on 6th January. He wrote, "The Epiphany remembers when three men presented gifts to the infant Jesus. My gift of disarmament is for all infants who are threatened by BAe weapons, from Northern Ireland to East Timor."

7th January 1993

'they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks'

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OR WHERE IT MAKES A POINT
WORK IN GROUPS WITH ONE PERSON AS LOOK-OUT
4 A.M. - 6 A.M. IS PRIMETIME COPS CHANGE SHIFTS AT 5 A.M.
DAY GLOW SHIRT
DONT BE TOO CONSPICUOUS.
SPRAY PAINT
AT FIRST IT WILL SPRAY TOO THICK OR TOO THIN -
NOZZLES ARE INTERCHANGEABLE SOME SPRAY BETTER. SAVE THEM.
SO START THE CAN OUT ON AN UNIMPORTANT SURFACE.
A STENCIL IS A PIECE OF BOARD WITH HOLES CUT IN IT. BY SPRAYING THROUGH THE HOLES AN IMAGE
IS CREATED ON A SURFACE. THE STENCIL SHOULD BE TAPED TO THE SURFACE
THE CAN, ABOUT 1 FT. AWAY.
THE CHEAPEST WAY TO PRINT A SMALL # OF POSTERS IS XEROX, FOR A LARGE # USE OFFSET
GLUE ON WITH A SOLUTION OF WATER & ELMERS GLUE OR WATER & WHEAT PASTE
IF SOLUTION IS THIN ENOUGH YOU CAN SPRAY IT FROM A 'FANTASTIK' BOTTLE
COVER SURFACE WITH GLUE BEFORE YOU PUT ON POSTER.
STICK POSTER ON THEN SPRAY ON TOP OF IT TO SEAL IT.
DON'T COVER SOMEONE ELSE'S GRAFFITI.
BE SURE THERE IS SOMEONE TO CALL IF ARRESTED
GRAFFITI IS A CRIME AGAINST PROPERTY NOT PEOPLE SO MAKE IT UPLIFTING.

GRAFFITI - 1984 - TEXT BY JOSH WHALEN

from YOU DONT HAVE TO FUCK PEOPLE OVER TO SURVIVE by SETH TOBOCMAN

available at Black Rose Bookshop 583a King St Newtown 519 0194

BLIPPY
THE 'RIGHT ON' KANGAROO
BLIPPY SAYS
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DODGE
MILITARISM IS WELL DODGY (COM
BLIPPY IS SICK OF THE SO CALLED 'MILITARY SOLUTION'
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NEW BOMBER TOOTHPASTE blast that plaque away
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WOMAN TORTURED BY POLICE

The South Melbourne police station at 211 Bank street, South Melbourne (Ph. (03) 690 3083) is notorious for the way its police beat and torture the citizen's held prisoner there. On the 27th April this year, Shannon Ewart wrote 'Stop the Bashings!' similar words on this police station, and on some police cars out the front. She was later arrested and severely beaten by these police, and then falsely charged with resisting arrest and assaulting police. (The police claiming that this 42 year old woman assaulted seven of them all at once!)

On the first night of her arrest, she was stripped naked by six police (four male and two female) handcuffed behind her back and punched repeatedly. The next day she was again assaulted by several officers, thrown to the concrete floor and kicked in the kidney. Immediately after this, she was handcuffed behind her back and punched several times in the stomach and upper body by one officer, while two others held her arms. She was then dragged through the station on her knees (since she could no longer stand by this stage) and then beaten repeatedly with a baton.

On the third day, she was again assaulted by several officers, and after being kicked and punched to the floor, had her stomach stood on by an officer who said, as he stood on her 'There are 38 muscles in the stomach and I can crush every one!'.

The next morning an ambulance was called to take her to St. Vincent's Hospital where she was put on a drip. She told the attending doctor what happened and he saw the extensive bruising, but she was told she had to be returned to the same police. In horror of this prospect, she jumped out of a hospital window, fracturing her left foot in her panic to escape. She was recaptured, and after being taken back to the South Melbourne police station, was again punched, had her head stood on, and was indecently assaulted (all while handcuffed) before being sent to prison on remand.

During the whole of her stay at the South Melbourne police station, was held in the shower cell - an ice cold concrete box with a metal door, where the floor is permanently covered in water, and where there is nothing to sit or lie down on except a freezing cold metal slab. This was a deliberate act by the police to torture her with the intense cold. Nor did the police allow her to sleep for the four days they held her there. Every hour, night and day, they smashed open the cell door and verbally abused or hit her to make sure she was awake.

She was sent to Fairlea 's women's prison on remand. There she was taken upon arrival to the medical centre, where the examining doctor had her transferred immediately to Pentridge prison hospital. In the four days she was there before going to court, she prepared a 32 page statement as her defence in court. On the morning she was to go however, she was stripped naked and indecently assaulted by prison guards after which she was handcuffed and denied access to her statement, which she was thus unable to bring to court.

At Prahran court, a barrister she had never seen before told her that if she did not plead guilty to the false charges of assaulting police, she would be sent straight back to prison. She told the Barrister that the police had beaten her, and asked her to get her statement from the prison but the barrister would not get it, and in court lodged a plea of guilty to all the false charges.

Shannon was then sentenced to three months in prison and was taken back to Pentridge prison hospital, where immediately upon arrival she was again sexually assaulted by the some prison guards. She appealed against the courts decision and, after a month, was released from prison on appeal bail. On the morning she was to go Prahran court for the appeal bail application, she was stripped naked by prison guards. Then, as soon as she arrived at Prahran court, she was again stripped naked and punched twice in the head by the police.

After bail was granted, before she was out of the police station, she was again punched repeatedly in the head by one Prahran officer, while a South Melbourne officer threatened that he would get thirty police to testify against her at the appeal, and then, when she lost, they would take her back to South Melbourne police station and 'make her think she had it easy last time'. To date, legal aid has been denied for her appeal, on the basis that there are too many police witnessing against her, and that only the police saw her being beaten and tortured, (which means she has no witnesses.) The appeal date is now set for the 11th May, 1993 at the County court of 223 William Street, in the city.

IF WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO SHANNON OFFENDS YOUR SENSE OF WHAT IS RIGHT,
THEN COME TO THE COUNTY COURT ON MAY 11TH 1993.
AND SHOW THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED.

For more info: contact:
Coalition Against Police Violence
Po Box 454
Brunswick Vic 3056

Avoid These Australian Rainforest Timber

The following timbers should be avoided at all costs:

Red Bean	(packing cases, builders ply, furniture)
Black Bean	(furniture, cabinet work)
Salmon Bean	(packing cases, cabinet work)
White/Brown/Myrtle Beech	(cabinet making, stairs, beds)
Black/Yellow QLD Walnut	(form work, cabinet work)
King William Pine	(general building, cabinet work)
Sassafras(Black Heart)	(treens, cabinet work)
QLD Maple	(cabinet work)
Huon Pine	(treens,traditional boats, sinks)
Rose Wood	(cabinet work)
NSW Teak	(flooring, decks)
Crows Ash	(flooring, decks)
Canary Ash	(flooring)
Celery Top Pine	(cabinet work, external joinery)
Red Cedar	(joinery especially external joinery)
Silky Oak	(joinery, furniture)

AVOID THESE IMPORTS

The following timber species originate in South East Asian rainforest and should never be purchased:

Meranti	(all mouldings, dowells, architraves)
Merbau	(skirting, joinery)
Ramin	(mostly picture frames, fine joinery)
Pink Satinwood	(cabinet work)
Pacific Maple	(as per Meranti)
Philippine Mahogany,Calantas	(pretend red cedar, fireplaces, stairs, furniture)
New Guinea Beech	(stairs,joinery)
New Guinea Mahogany	(as per Philippine Mahogany)
New Guinea Walnut	(cabinet work)
Kwila	(joinery, cabinet work)
Balsa	(models, picture frames, jigs)
Keruing, Naytoh, Narra, Kapur	(joinery)
Marfim, Mersawa, Mersawa	(joinery)
Teak	(outdoor furniture, carved beams, cabinet work)
Jelutong	(toys, models, carved work,joinery)
New guinea rose	(cabinet work, fine furniture)
Ebony	(piano keys, tourist trinkets, instrument making, veneers decoration)
Serya, Barŕgkirai, Iroko	Unspecified use
Motoa, Merawan, Batu	Unspecified use

Many timbers originate in old growth forest and some in plantations and regenerated forests. Generally, large stock clear grade timber is likely to originated in old growth forest, 'knotty' or small stock grade is more likely to have originated in plantations.

Old growth Jarrah, Karri and Red Gum forests are rapidly disappearing due to logging and bauxite mining. Alternative timbers or recycled Jarrah, Red Gum and Karri should be sought.

FROM THE GOOD WOOD GUIDE '91. KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR THE NEW IMPROVED EDITION COMING YOUR WAY SOON!

Incineration is no alternative!

The Waverley Woollahra Process Plant (W.W.P.P.) or Waterloo Incinerator was built in the early 1970's as an entrepreneurial venture. It is situated near the corner of Bourke Street and Botany Road in Waterloo only a few kilometres from Central station, Centennial Park and the Eastern Suburbs. It is regulated by the state government, specifically the Environment Protection Authority (E.P.A.) under the watchful eye of The Minister for the Environment Chris Hartcher.

The emissions from the incinerator are regulated under the Clean Air Act, which dates back to the 1960's. The E.P.A. is in the process of reforming the Clean Air Act and speculation is that they will adopt the same standards as are applied in Germany. The German standards are said to be the most stringent in the world and apply to newly constructed incinerators with their older incinerators to be upgraded to comply within the next few years. These standards are generally between 5% and 10% of the values for acid gases, particulates, heavy metals and nitrous oxides that were permitted 10 years ago. They also include compounds little known at the time the incinerator started operating, namely dioxins and difurans (or organochlorides). These organochlorides are said to be some of the most toxic substances known to man and as such are restricted to extremely minute quantities in incinerator emissions. For example, the new German standards for dioxins are $0.1ng/m^3$ that's 10^{-9} grams/cubic metre or put another way 0.0000000001 grams per cubic metre. The German health Ministry has set, as a tolerable intake to the body, a standard of 0.001 ng/kg of body weight. This measure is so small as to be immeasurable, which gives credence to what some experts say that no safe levels for dioxins exist.

In 1990, tests showed that the W.W.P.P. was emitting dioxins at the rate of $3.8ng/m^3$ which came as quite a shock to all concerned. Since then the incinerator has been operating at a lower temperature and consequently the concentrations of dioxins are down to between 1 and 2 ng/m^3, still 10 to 20 times higher than the new German standards.

It's interesting to speculate what the emissions were like and how long they were released into the atmosphere before the initial tests were conducted. These dioxins are produced by burning waste that contains chlorine and include P.V.C. plastics and chlorine bleached paper. There was little in the way of plastics included in our garbage during the early 1970's, this begs the question of what is likely to be included in the future, or what other health effects may be uncovered with our ever increasing knowledge base, due to incinerator emissions.

Unfortunately these are not the only emissions that should cause concern. Mercury, Cadmium and Lead are also being released at levels over the new German standards. Tested levels of mercury are at $0.37mg/m^3$ with the German standard at $0.05mg/m^3$ which means the W.W.P.P. is seven times the new standard. Lead has been very prominent in the media of late and one article stated that levels of lead measured in Mascot (only a couple of kilometres from the incinerator) were the highest in Sydney.

Other emissions of concern are carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, sulphur oxides, hydrogen chloride, metal oxides and nitrogen oxides (which are connected with the photochemical smog which is becoming an ever increasing problem in Sydney).

The important thing to note here is that even though these new German standards are said to be very strict they are only based on what the current technology can deal with. They are not health based standards and as such we should all be very concerned about the emissions released into the air that we are breathing, even if they are complying with the strictest standards in the world.

After the initial tests showed that there was a problem at the incinerator a firm was hired to determined the best action to remedy the situation. Maunsell P/L are consultants and have produced a number of reports dealing with the incinerator. In one of the reports they say... "the simplest way to achieve the state governments proposed 50% reduction of the waste stream before the year 2000 would be to encourage the construction of more incinerators in Sydney". They go on to recommend that another 11 incinerators would account for all our waste. This should be of major concern to us all!

The Maunsell reports suggest that Waverley Woollahra Councils should lobby the state government to lower the standards as adopted by the German government due to the different conditions encountered in Sydney, they are referring specifically to the nitrous oxide (NOx) and mercury standards which they say will be difficult and expensive to meet. [They make it sound as if we live on a different planet.] Also, they would like the standards to apply

for at least 15 years. [This seems to ridicule the whole purpose for having standards and is one of the reasons why we find ourselves in the situation we are in today ie: ignoring the standards for over 20 years, since the early 1960's.] And finally, they would like to receive the rebate from the state government, which goes to councils for every tonne of waste which they recycle. Because they feel that incineration is reducing the waste stream, presumably they would have to change the name from the "Recycling Rebate" to something like the "Waste Minimising Rebate".

There is more to this incinerator than meets the eye. Of the 450 tonnes of waste it burns each and every day one third (32%) remains as ash which I can only assume has a high concentration of dioxins and heavy metals. This is backed up by tests conducted on similar incinerators in the U.S.A. where debate is raging as to whether the incinerator ash should be regarded as toxic and landfilled in a specially designed and safer type of landfill site with much more expensive consequences. One potential "safer" site is the Castlereagh toxic liquid waste site which is said to be leaching into the watertable and thence to the Hawkesbury River. Unfortunately, the exact contents of this ash is not known as the standards for landfill are under review as well, and there has been no need to test it to meet any standards. At present this ash is taken to the Sydney City Councils landfill site at Tempe.

Also, the incinerator at present consumes 2 tonnes of water for every tonne of garbage it burns, the bulk of which leaves the incinerator via the stack with a smaller amount remaining with the ash. It seems unbelievable that we are being told of an emerging water crisis when the incinerator is wasting up to 900 tonnes of water every day.

The Maunsell reports recommended that the Waverley Woollahra Process Plant should not continue to operate in its present condition, presumably because of the dangerous emissions as already mentioned. The cost to upgrade the incinerator to meet the proposed German standards would be between $15 million and $40 million. They also proposed electricity generation as a means to supplement the costs involved in the upgrade. This option would involve building a separate incinerator system on the site and could cost up to $70 million. The problems involved in incineration (and the generation of electricity) with regards to increased recycling rates are obvious. With such a large capital outlay the W.W.P.P. would need to ensure a steady supply of waste to help pay for the upgrades, also the more recycling we achieve the less energy will be available to generate the steam required to drive generators for the production of electricity. This would come about by the removal, for the most part, of paper and plastics from the waste stream which have the highest calorific value (are the most 'flammable'). Consequently, we could find recyclables being diverted to the W.W.P.P. to justify its existence.

Some of the arguments put forward in favour of incineration as a waste disposal solution are:-

- It reduces the volume of waste going to ever decreasing metropolitan landfill sites. (True, but the ash residue is much more toxic and would need very special attention for safe disposal with a greatly increased cost.)
- This in turn would reduce the emission of greenhouse gases such as methane and carbon dioxide from conventional landfill sites caused by the decomposition of organic matter. (The incinerator also produces greenhouse gases but much more "efficiently".)
- The generation of electricity would also decrease the amount of greenhouse gases due to the fact that there would be a corresponding drop in electricity used from a coal burning plant. (Again true in theory, but if we have increasing success with recycling and other minimisation strategies we could find the incinerator being used purely as an electricity generation plant using recyclable material to pay for itself. Worse still, governments would be under no pressure to achieve better waste minimisation strategies. This could in turn lead to an every increasing cycle of waste generation and consequent incineration. Remember, if this incinerator continues for another 20 years there is every chance that there could be a dozen all told throughout Sydney.)

Finally, it seems it will be another 3-5 years before any action is taken to rectify the problems associated with the incinerator as it now stands.

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UP COMING EVENTS

Jan
wed 27th Noam Chomsky as Media Assassin in manufacturing consent video from 7.30
sat 30th bands- Mayhem, Malice csicarum, Savage Cabbage
Feb 2nd bisexual discussin group 7pm(weekly)
Jelly women 8pm the first of the NEW and Improved series;
come along and make it happen.
jellyhedz collective meeting 6pm (weekly and all welcome)
Fri 5th Wobble Regular(?) D.J!s Highshock and M.D. and Sub bass snarl 9—late
+live experimental techno-(10pm-12pm)
Sat 6th Monthly Mayhem monthly Punk gig; ring or come by to find out who is playing(exact bands not yet confirmed)
Sun 7th Sydney Down TO Earth meeting for ConFest event in Sydney/NSW 1.30-6.30 pm
Tues 9th jelly collective meeting
Bi discussion group
poss. jelly women (depending on.outcome of last meeting)
Sunday 14th Valentines Day-(Give all your friends a big hug on this day)
Thur 18th Lesbian women performance night
forum 5pm-6.30pm "lesbian visibility in performing arts"
dinner
performances 8pm onwards
all welcome:no set cost-pay by donation
Tues 16th and 23rd usual tuesday things
fri 19th Wobble regular(?) DJ's + live stuff called "Edgecore"
Sun 21st to thur25th booked for a Mardi Gras event (what it is I do not know-ring to find out)

* Casually + one other subversive intent

Hi! Those of you who hang around Jellyhedz may have noticed a group meeting on tuesday nights at about 7pm and may be wondering who we are and what we are on about. Well... we are part of a discussion forum or support group called Love is Boundless (LIB). We are discussing prejudice based on sexuality and we are trying to raise the profile of bisxual and transgender people in general and queer communities. At the moment we're getting ourselves organised for Mardi Gras- raising money for a float with a party at Jellyhedz on Monday 25th January and a stall at Mardi Gras Fair (Feb 7th Jubilee Park). Even though we are focussing on bisexual and transgender people, we welcome people who are gay/lesbian/straight/asexual who support the ideal of a community free from prejudice.

Anarchy is generally anti-prejudice. Most of you will be aware of the general prejudice faced in the community by gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, but may not be aware of how the straight community scapegoats bisexual people in particular for transmitting HIV/AIDS between the 'gay' and 'straight' communities as if they are seperate entities. Nor how some parts of the gay and lesbian community itself are prejudiced against bisexuals and trannies.

Just as people should be able to love who they want, we believe people should be able to be who they want without being forced to 'choose' between one group of people and another or one set of gender attributes and another. We are often told we are sitting on the fence, untrustworthy and dud fucks. We deny all of the above.

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